

Kelowna Art Gallery wants to hear your stories about living in Kelowna

March 30, 2015 – Kelowna, BC: This year the Kelowna Art Gallery is undertaking an exciting project titled *Preserves*. This is a community-based initiative that will explore the history of Kelowna, and the stories of the people who have shaped the city. The results of this project will be shown as part of an exhibition at the Kelowna Art Gallery from November 2015 to January 2016.

We want to hear your stories and memories about living in Kelowna. Our aims are to involve people of all ages and ethnicities, to use art to create bridges among generations and ethnicities, and to explore the history of Kelowna's development.

In April we will be hosting three two-hour-long workshops at the Kelowna Art Gallery with Kootenay-based artist Maggie Shirley. During these workshops participants will talk about their stories and memories of living in Kelowna, and discuss their hopes for the future. The workshops are free and open to anyone to attend. All ages are welcome and no art experience is necessary. We invite you to attend.

Workshop dates:

Wednesday, April 8	6:00 to 8:00 pm
Friday, April 10	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Saturday April 11	3:00 to 5:00 pm

Participants are asked to bring an object, photograph, or written words that are symbolic of their personal story and wish for the future of Kelowna. After a short discussion we will be "preserving" the objects in mason jars filled with clear coloured gelatin. The mason jars will be kept at the Kelowna Art Gallery and will be included in the *Preserves* exhibition that will be on view to the public from November 2015 to January 2016.

Interested participants are asked to register for the workshop by contacting Renee Burgess, Head of Public Programming, at 250-762-2226 ext 310, or by email at renee@kelownaartgallery.com

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in the heart of the Cultural District in downtown Kelowna. For hours of operation, or more information about programs available or current exhibitions, please visit the Kelowna Art Gallery online at www.kelownaartgallery.com.

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